

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AF
Hiroshi Sumiyama et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/955,963)	Examiner: VU B HANG
Filed: September 20, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 1910
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	
INCORPORATING NO IMAGE)	
MEMORY WITH MEMORY RECALL)	
FUNCTION)	

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 1-3, 8-11 and 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, on the basis of the Takahashi et al. patent (U.S. 6,424,429) in view of the newly-cited Abdel-Mottalab et al. patent (U.S. 5,915,038). Claims 4 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, on the basis of these two references, in further view of the Nishiyama et al. patent (U.S. 6,067,168). Claims 21 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, on the basis of the Takahashi and Abdel-Mottalab patents, in further view of the Anai patent (U.S. 5,663,800). For the reasons presented hereinafter, it is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not suggest the claimed subject matter to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

In rejecting claims 1, 17 and 19, the Office Action asserts that the Takahashi patent discloses all of the subject matter recited in these claims, with the exception of a user interface that displays a third key to accept a reread instruction to reread